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In re Application of :
Serhan et al. :
Application No. 10/676,869 :
Filed: September 30, 2003 : ON PETITION
Attorney Docket Number: DEP-5172 :

This is a decision in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 27, 2006, to revive the above-identified application. The delay in treating this petition is regretted.


This Petition is hereby granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action, mailed June 17, 2005. The Office action set a three (3) month period for reply, and provided for extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a). No reply having been received, the application became abandoned on September 18, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed December 22, 2005.

Petitioner has filed an Amendment in response to the Office action with the petition. Accordingly, the petition is granted.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 3733 for processing of the Amendment in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.


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